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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL

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1. SINCE WE HAD HAD LITTLE FURTHER WORD ABOUT SCHEDULING OR OTHER QUESTIONS POSED REF A, WHICH WE PUT TO CHOI KWAN-SOON MAY 9, POLCOUNS TELEPHONED CHOI MAY 12. CHOI HAD LITTLE TO REPORT; DECISIONS HAD NOT BEEN MADE HE SAID AND IT MIGHT BE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK BEFORE HE COULD GET BACK TO US WITH FIRM PROPOSALS. HE DID OFFER THAT TENTATIVELY HE HAD DECIDED THAT FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK WOULD BE 10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AND THAT SECOND AND FINAL MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE MORNING OF MAY 27. MAJOR GEN. SOHN, WHO ON VISIT WORKING GROUP, TELLS US INFORMALLY THAT ROKS ALSO CONSIDERING MEETINGS INVOLVING BOTH MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH HANDLING PRESS ASPECTS, HAS ALSO TOLD US ROKS OPPOSE JOINT STATEMENT OF ANY KIND BEFORE DEPARTURE BUT WOULD NOT OPPOSE SIMPLE ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE STATEMENTS BY OUR SIDE MAKING POINTS PARA 2C, REF A. MOFA STRESSED AT SAME TIME THAT ROKS WISH KEEP VISIT LOW KEY. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT VISIT BOUND TO
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ATTRACT VERY HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION HERE AND STATEMENTS AND BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE PROPOSALS AS OUTLINED REF A NECESSARY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES TO ABSORB THIS INTEREST.

3. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF UNDER-SECRETARY APPEARING IN SOME PUBLIC FORUM (E.G. ADDRESS TO KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, TV APPEARANCE). WE BELIEVE

THAT REF A PROGRAM JUST ABOUT RIGHT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
UNDERSECRETARY'S COMMENTS.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SCHEDULE AND OTHER QUESTIONS
POSED REF A AS SOON AS CHOI GETS BACK TO US.
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